

Committee to review and develop comments on a highly migratory species (HMS) fishery management plan (FMP) and Billfish FMP amendment developed by NMFS.

January 12, 1999

8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.—Convene the Ad Hoc SFA Committee to review the draft SFA amendment. The Committee will develop their recommendations to the Council for final action on the amendment. The recommendations will be considered by the Council on Thursday, January 14, 1999.

12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.—Convene the Reef Fish Management Committee to review the draft Gag Regulatory Amendment Options Paper and develop recommendations to the Council for final action. They will review the Amendment 17 Options Paper which has alternatives for a license limitation program for reef fish. They will also receive a status report on the emergency red snapper rule, and may discuss actions taken under the emergency red snapper rule.

January 13, 1999

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.—Convene the Shrimp Management Committee to review the analyses of NMFS and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and develop their recommendations to Council on the 1999 Texas Closure. They will also review Amendment 10 Options Paper which contains alternatives for permitting or registration of vessels, observer requirements and protocol, and a vessel monitoring system.

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 noon—Convene the Habitat Protection Committee to review a proposed development project for constructing a casino in wetlands and a NMFS study on mitigation.

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Dated: December 21, 1998.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Policy Committee will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Tuna Foundation, One Tuna Lane, San Diego, CA.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW. Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Larry Six, Executive Director; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to prepare Council recommendations for the next session of the Multilateral High Level conference on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific to be held February 10-19, 1999 in Honolulu, HI.

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Special Accommodations

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Dated: December 18, 1998.

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Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting (work session).

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's Salmon Subcommittee of the Scientific and Statistical Committee (Salmon Subcommittee) will hold a work session which is open to the public.

DATES: The work session will be held from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The work session will be held in the Director's Conference Room (fourth floor) at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, 2501 SW. First Avenue, Portland, OR.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW. Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jim Seger, Economic Analysis Coordinator; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Salmon Subcommittee work session is to review proposed changes in salmon estimation methodologies for the 1999 season. The proposed changes include (1) minor modifications to the chinook Fishery Regulation and Assessment Model to better estimate impacts on certain Puget Sound chinook stocks and (2) scaling of Oregon coastal natural coho spawner estimates to stratified random sampling data. The recommendations of the Salmon Subcommittee will be reviewed by the full Scientific and Statistical Committee before final comments are developed for presentation to the Council at its March 1999 meeting in Portland, OR.

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